

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 61

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 61—Relative to
Extended Opportunity Programs and Services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 61, as introduced, Alquist. Extended Opportunity
Programs and Services (EOPS).

This measure would commend the staff, students, and
community supporters of the EOPS program of the California
Community Colleges on its 30th anniversary and the
Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)
program on its 17th year of operation.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Extended Opportunity Programs and
2 Services (EOPS) was established in 1969 through Senate
3 Bill 164 of the 1969–70 Regular Session (Chapter 1579 of
4 the Statutes of 1969), which was authored by the
5 Honorable Alfred E. Alquist to provide financial and
6 academic support to community college students whose

1 educational and socioeconomic backgrounds might
2 prevent them from successfully completing college; and

3 WHEREAS, EOPS was specifically designed for
4 first-generation, at-risk college students and their special
5 educational needs; and

6 WHEREAS, EOPS provides essential services that are
7 specifically designed to supplement the community
8 college's academic and student services and vocational
9 programs, and to help EOPS students complete their
10 educational goals; and

11 WHEREAS, EOPS conducts outreach and recruitment
12 that target high-risk students who demonstrate
13 educational and financial need, and does not grant
14 preferences for any racial, ethnic, or gender population;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, EOPS student services include specialized
17 counseling to help students with educational planning
18 and career assessment, monitoring of academic progress,
19 peer-to-peer advising, basic skills instruction, tutoring,
20 child care, work study, book grants, and emergency
21 student loans; and

22 WHEREAS, EOPS was the first state-funded program
23 to recognize the unique educational needs of
24 welfare-dependent single parents; and

25 WHEREAS, The Cooperative Agencies Resources for
26 Education (CARE) program was established under the
27 auspices of EOPS through the enactment of Assembly Bill
28 3103 of the 1981–82 Regular Session (Chapter 1029 of the
29 Statutes of 1982), which was authored by the Honorable
30 Teresa P. Hughes to help community college students
31 break the welfare-dependency cycle; and

32 WHEREAS, Through the CARE program, EOPS
33 students receive personal counseling and academic
34 advising; social service referrals and advocacy;
35 specialized courses and workshops on parenting, personal
36 development, self-esteem, and college survival skills; and
37 educational grants for child care, textbooks, supplies, and
38 transportation; and

39 WHEREAS, The EOPS/CARE program has
40 successfully assisted over 1,000,000 community college



1 students since 1969 in order to fulfill the educational and
2 personal aspirations of these students; and

3 WHEREAS, The recent changes in welfare have
4 exacerbated the need for sufficient funding to
5 accommodate a growing low-income student population
6 that is seeking increased educational and training
7 opportunities; and

8 WHEREAS, Inadequate state funding in recent years
9 has caused many EOPS/CARE programs to either reduce
10 the amount of financial aid, textbook, and child care
11 grants provided to eligible needy students, or to
12 prematurely close the application deadline for
13 acceptance to the program, deny program services to
14 eligible EOPS/CARE students, or both; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
17 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature
18 commends the staff, students, and community supporters
19 of the EOPS program of the California Community
20 Colleges on its 30th anniversary, and commends the
21 CARE program on its 17th year of operation; and be it
22 further

23 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages the
24 Chancellor's Office and Board of Governors of the
25 California Community Colleges to convey the
26 Legislature's appreciation of the success and ongoing
27 contributions of the EOPS and CARE programs and their
28 accomplishments in improving the lives and educational
29 opportunities of hundreds of thousands of at-risk students;
30 and be it further

31 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
32 transmit copies of this resolution to the President and
33 Advocate of the Extended Opportunity Programs and
34 Services Association and to the Chancellor and the Board
35 of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

